

**REMOTE MANAGEMENT AND PROVISIONING OF A SYSTEM ACROSS
A NETWORK BASED CONNECTION**

Abstract of the Invention

An attestation identity key (AIK) is created and stored in a client computer's firmware. When the client computer is connected to a network for the first time, the AIK allows a provisioning server to determine if the client computer has been tampered with. This attestation can take place even in the absence of an operating system on the client computer.

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